GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Infrastructure and Investment Dept.,– AP Towers Ltd. – Comprehensive guidelines for erection of Telecom towers through ''M/s AP Digital Infra Private Limited'' the Joint venture company and APTL as nodal agency for new and renewal requirements of telecom towers at Government sites/Corporations sites /local body sites in the State- Orders - Issued.

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INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (Ports.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 16 Dated: 21-12-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 22, I&I (OP.I) Dept., Dt: 13-06-2016
2. G.O. Ms. No.17, E.I&I(PORTS) Dept., Dt: 22-06-2019
3. From the Managing Director, APTL Lr.No.APTL/JV/37/2018, dated 20.01.2018

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Government of Andhra Pradesh incorporated A.P Towers Limited under Companies ACT, 2013 with an aim to promote and facilitate telecommunication related infrastructure such as smart towers, mobile towers etc., across the state of Andhra Pradesh to enhance the reach and quality of telecom and related services in Andhra Pradesh.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government of Andhra Pradesh has ordered the formation of joint venture with an experienced strategic partner, by name " M/s. AP Digital Infra Private Limited" to develop communication tower infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh and appointed the A P Towers Ltd as Nodal Agency to establish single window system for rouing all new/renewal applications for construction of mobile towers in government sites/ Corporation sites/Local bodies sites. Government also said that comprehensive guidelines and rates to be adopted for granting permission for erection of towers shall be issued subsequently.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Managing Director, AP Towers Limited has proposed the comprehensive guidelines and commercial terms to grant the permission for erection of the communication Towers at Government sites/Government Corporations sites/Local Bodies sites in the state of Andhra Pradesh and requested the Government to approve the comprehensive guidelines.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter in consultation with line Departments hereby approved the following comprehensive guidelines in respect of Andhra Pradesh Towers Limited and rate shall be adopted for erection of communication towers in government premises and commercial terms to grant the permission for erection of the communication Towers through joint venture M/s Digital Infra Private Limited, with APTL as nodal agency for new and renewable requirements of telecom tower at Government sites/Corporations sites /local body sites in the State. The following are the rates approved:

Sl No.	Local body Jurisdiction	One time Permission charges	Annual charges per sits.	Rent to APTL per month as per the RFP
1	Corporations	Rs. 1 lakh	Rs. 14,000/-	Rs. 1,250/- per site per month
2	Selection, special grade & First grade Municipalities	Rs. 75,000/-	Rs. 14,000/-	Rs. 1,250/- per site per month
3	Second grade and third grade Municipalities	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 1,250/- per site per month
4	Nagar Panchayaths	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 1,250/- per month per site
5	Gram Panchayats	Rs. 25,000/- for GBT Rs. 20,000/- for RTT Rs.2,000 for renewal per year	Rs. 5,000/-	Rs. 1,250/- per month per site
6	Payment Due date	At The Time Of Application	15th April Every Year	5th of every month

I. The revenue accrued in the project by the way of one time charges as per the G.Os in force, the annual charges and rent as specified in the above table will be collected by the APTL and passes the same to Line departments. A 2% Service charges on all transactions specified above shall to be paid by the Joint Venture to APTL, which will be used for the administrative expenditure for the Corporation. One time Permission charges, Annual charges and rent per month shall be escalated 5% after every three years from the date of issue of this order.

II. Joint Venture Company shall abide by the rules and regulations of local bodies and comply all existing GOs and pay permissions.

III. Government investment is only 1.00 Cr where as entire project cost shall be borne by the Joint Venture Company, M/s AP Digital Infra Private Limited.

IV. JV Company to invest approximately 2,000 Cr in five years and build 12,000 towers.

V. The following Guidelines shall be followed for erection of towers in the State are as detailed below:

APTL is the nodal agency for space requirement of telecom towers in the State of AP for Govt., lands/Buildings. Any requirement comes to the line Departments for Telecom Towers shall be routed invariably through APTL for proper implementation of guidelines. The requirements of Telecom service providers/ Internet Service providers / Smart city service providers are invariably has to approach APTL being a nodal agency to provide better telecom services. APTL in-turn shall arrange the required Telecom Tower infrastructure through the Joint venture company with first right of refusal. Single window system for issuing permissions for telecom infrastructure in the state shall enable fast rollout of 4G/5G and public Wi-Fi smart poles/towers requirements of Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). Each line department shall nominate nodal officer (SPOC) for effective coordination.

a) District Collectors & HOD's of all Government Departments, corporations and other quasi government organisations shall be cooperative in identification of suitable site for erection of Tower on Mutual consent and to arrange advance possession of required lands/roof tops of buildings to APTL to avoid delay on account of administrative formalities.

b) JV Company will comply all local body norms in construction of cellular towers subsequently by entering the tri-party agreement (Line Department/APTL and M/s AP Digital Infra) on leasing site to establish telecom infra in government premises. The lease period is for 15 years.

c) Since APTL is a nodal agency all the new site requests for Govt buildings and lands shall be routed through APTL and APTL in turn shall forward such requests to HOD's of concern departments. APTL will implement an online workflow for the same where departments will approve. 2% service charge shall be collected from Joint Venture Company for all the transactions like one time charges, annual charges and monthly charges.

d) All Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Nagar Panchayats and Gram Panchayats has to furnish information to APTL about existing cell towers installed in Government / Private Sites.

e) Renewal applications to be filed with APTL for all existing cell towers upon completion of allotment period / lease period. On receipt of applications in prescribed format from service providers, APTL will forward the same to the authorities concerned and do the needful.

f) All the Govt. Departments are advised to provide EB power to APTL cell towers on priority basis under a separate meter and consumption charges will be borne by AP Digital Infra (JV Company).

g) Land requirements for cellular tower installations may be considered as 15X 15 meters for GBT of 40 to 60 meters height, 12X 12 meters for GBT of 40 meters height, 8 X 8 meters for GBM, 500 SFT for roof top installations and 2 X 2 meters to 6 X 6 meters for smart towers depending

in the requirement. All the departments should ensure proper access to proposed sites.

h) All the District Collectors are requested to provide details of Govt. assets including lands buildings along with Latitude and Longitudes of such locations to APTL within one month from issuance of this guideline.

i) APTL to create a consolidate data base of all Govt. assets including buildings and lands which will help in identifying sites requirement for various cellular operators across the state of Andhra Pradesh and APTL to inform all cellular operators accordingly.

5. The Managing Director, AP Towers Limited shall take necessary action, accordingly.

6. This order issued with the concurrence of Finance Dept., vide their U.O No. FIN01-FMUOASD(IC)/53/2020-FMU-IIEIC, dated 03.07.2020.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRDESH)

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